

## **SOUTH CAROLINA 1115 DEMONSTRATION**

### **FACT SHEET**

**Name of Section 1115 Demonstration:** SILVERxCARD: South Carolina's Prescription Drug Benefit for Seniors

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**Date Proposal Approved:** July 30, 2002

**Date Program Implemented:** January 1, 2003

### **SUMMARY**

The demonstration is a statewide program that provides the prescription drug benefit to eligible South Carolina seniors aged 65 and over, with incomes at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Implementation of this program began January 1, 2003.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for prescription drug services under this demonstration program, participants must:

- Meet existing Medicaid residency requirements;
- Meet existing Medicaid rules on citizenship and immigration status;
- Meet existing Medicaid rules regarding inmates and residents of public institutions;
- Be age 65 or older, regardless of Medicare status;
- Have a household gross income at or below 200 percent of the FPL, using existing Medicaid rules for counting income; and
- Have no prescription drug private insurance.
- Individuals cannot spend down to become eligible for the waiver program.

There will be no asset test related to eligibility for the demonstration program and there will be no estate claims for services provided under this demonstration.

### **BENEFIT PACKAGE**

Only prescription drugs covered under the Medicaid State plan are provided under this demonstration.

## **ENROLLMENT PROCESS**

Individuals can apply for this demonstration by filling out a one-page application form. Applications will be submitted to a central processing center administered directly by the State Medicaid office or by an interagency agreement with the South Carolina Budget and Control Board.

After enrollment, participants will receive an identification card to be used when purchasing prescription drugs. Participation in the demonstration will begin on the first day of the month following the month in which all eligibility criteria are met. Once determined eligible for the demonstration, an individual remains eligible for 12 months.

## **DELIVERY SYSTEM**

The demonstration will be administered on a fee-for-service basis. The pharmacy benefit provided through this demonstration will enhance and complement primary health care benefits for demonstration eligibles. Pharmacies currently enrolled in the South Carolina Medicaid program will participate in this demonstration. Approximately 99 percent of licensed pharmacies in South Carolina participate in the Medicaid program.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

South Carolina will use the following cost-management strategies:

- Prospective/Retrospective Drug-Utilization Review;
- Maximum Allowable Cost list for prescription drugs;
- Prior Authorization for certain drugs;

## **COST-SHARING**

- Participants will pay a \$500 fee during the deductible period for prescription drugs.
- During the deductible period, participants will pay no more for a drug than the reimbursement rate paid by Medicaid.
- After the deductible is satisfied, participants will pay \$10 for a generic drug and \$21 for a brand name drug.

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